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February 5, 2019

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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Swartz:

The Kern County Sheriff's Office ("KCSO") is in receipt of your emailed request, under the California Public Records Act, for records related to **IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices**, dated January 10, 2019. Your request is as follows:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Per the California Public Records Act (Govt. Code 6250-6270), I am writing to request the following information from your office for the period January 1, 2015 to the date of this letter.

Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) owned by this department or agency.

Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) available for use by this department or agency via collaborative agreements that were utilized within the period encompassing this request. Please provide the name of the department or agency that made IMSI-catcher devices available to this department or agency for use.

Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of an IMSI-catcher device.

Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of cell phone interception technology including protocols, training documents and data storage procedures.

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Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of cell phone interception technology.

After performing a diligent search for records responsive to this request the Kern County Sheriff's Office has determined that it has no responsive records disclosable under the California Public Records Act. However, the Kern County Sheriff's Office does have one very old unit that is not used anymore but is simply kept in storage.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 661-391-7518 or email: [walshm@kernsheriff.org](mailto:walshm@kernsheriff.org)

Sincerely,

**DONNY YOUNGBLOOD,**  
Sheriff – Coroner, County of Kern County

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